# **EXHIBIT A**

Plaintiff Tesla, Inc.'s Proposed Protective Order

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21	DISTRICT OF NEVADA			
22	TESLA, INC, a Delaware corporation,	Case No.: 3:18-cv-00296-LRH-CBC		
23	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE DISCLOSURE AND		
24	V.	USE OF DISCOVERY MATERIAL		
25	MARTIN TRIPP, an individual,			
26	Defendant.			
<ul><li>27</li><li>28</li></ul>	AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIM			
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Plaintiff Tesla, Inc. ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Martin Tripp ("Defendant") anticipate that documents, testimony, or information containing or reflecting confidential, proprietary, trade secret, and/or commercially sensitive information are likely to be disclosed or produced during the course of discovery, initial disclosures, and supplemental disclosures in this case and request that the Court enter this Order setting forth the conditions for treating, obtaining, and using such information.

Pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court finds good cause for the following [Proposed] Protective Order Regarding the Disclosure and Use of Discovery Material ("Order" or "Protective Order").

### 1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

- Protected Material designated under the terms of this Protective Order shall be used by a Receiving Party solely for this case and shall not be used directly or indirectly for any other purpose whatsoever.
- (b) The Parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures during discovery. Designations under this Order shall be made with care and shall not be made absent a good faith belief that the designated material satisfies the criteria set forth below. If it comes to a Producing Party's attention that designated material does not qualify for protection at all, or does not qualify for the level of protection initially asserted, the Producing Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing or changing the designation.

### 2. **DEFINITIONS**

- "Discovery Material" means all items or information, including from any (a) non-party, regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, or tangible things) that are produced, disclosed, or generated in connection with discovery or Rule 26(a) disclosures in this case.
- (b) "Outside Counsel" means (i) outside counsel who appear on the pleadings as counsel for a Party and (ii) partners, associates, and staff of such counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation.

itself except as provided in this Order.

(d) <u>Limitations</u>. Nothing in this Order shall restrict in any way a Producing Party's use or disclosure of its own Protected Material. Nothing in this Order shall restrict in any way the use or disclosure of Discovery Material by a Receiving Party: (i) that is or has become publicly known through no fault of the Receiving Party; (ii) that is lawfully acquired by or known to the Receiving Party independent of the Producing Party; (iii) previously produced, disclosed and/or provided by the Producing Party to the Receiving Party or a non-party without an obligation of confidentiality and not by inadvertence or mistake; (iv) with the consent of the Producing Party; or (v) pursuant to order of the Court.

# 7. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

- (a) <u>Available Designations</u>. Any Producing Party may designate Discovery Material with any of the following designations, provided that it meets the requirements for such designations as provided for herein: "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."
- (b) Written Discovery and Documents and Tangible Things. Written discovery, documents (which include "electronically stored information," as that phrase is used in Federal Rule of Procedure 34), and tangible things that meet the requirements for the confidentiality designations listed in Paragraph 7(a) may be so designated by placing the appropriate designation on every page of the written material prior to production. For digital files being produced, the Producing Party may mark each viewable page or image with the appropriate designation, and mark the medium, container, and/or communication in which the digital files were contained. In the event that original documents are produced for inspection, the original documents shall be presumed "CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" during the inspection and re-designated, as appropriate during the copying process.
- (c) Native Files. Where electronic files and documents are produced in native electronic format, such electronic files and documents shall be designated for protection under this Order by appending to the file names or designators information indicating whether the file contains "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" material, or shall use any other reasonable method for so designating Protected Material produced in electronic

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format. When electronic files or documents are printed for use at deposition, in a court proceeding, or for provision in printed form to an expert or consultant pre-approved pursuant to Paragraph 10, the party printing the electronic files or documents shall affix a legend to the printed document corresponding to the designation of the Designating Party and including the production number and designation associated with the native file. No one shall seek to use in this litigation a .tiff, .pdf or other image format version of a document produced in native file format without first (1) providing a copy of the image format version to the Producing Party so that the Producing Party can review the image to ensure that no information has been altered, and (2) obtaining the consent of the Producing Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(d) <u>Depositions and Testimony</u>. Parties or testifying persons or entities may designate depositions and other testimony with the appropriate designation by indicating on the record at the time the testimony is given or by sending written notice of how portions of the transcript of the testimony is designated within thirty (30) days of receipt of the final transcript of the testimony. If no indication on the record is made, all information disclosed during a deposition shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" until the time within which it may be appropriately designated as provided for herein has passed. Any Protected Material that is used in the taking of a deposition shall remain subject to the provisions of this Protective Order, along with the transcript pages of the deposition testimony dealing with such Protected Material. In such cases the court reporter shall be informed of this Protective Order and shall be required to operate in a manner consistent with this Protective Order. In the event the deposition is videotaped, the original and all copies of the videotape shall be marked by the video technician to indicate that the contents of the videotape are subject to this Protective Order, substantially along the lines of "This videotape contains confidential testimony used in this case and is not to be viewed or the contents thereof to be displayed or revealed except pursuant to the terms of the operative Protective Order in this matter or pursuant to written stipulation of the parties." Counsel for any Producing Party shall have the right to exclude from oral depositions, other than the deponent, deponent's counsel, the reporter and videographer (if any), any person who is not authorized by this Protective Order to receive or access Protected Material based on the designation of such Protected Material.

Such right of exclusion shall be applicable only during periods of examination or testimony 1 regarding such Protected Material. 2 3 8. **DISCOVERY MATERIAL DESIGNATED AS "CONFIDENTIAL"** A Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as 4 5 'CONFIDENTIAL" if it contains or reflects confidential, proprietary, and/or commercially sensitive information of any party. 7 (b) Plaintiff hereby designates as "CONFIDENTIAL" all information in Defendant's possession, custody, or control that contains, reflects, or was derived from any of Plaintiff's confidential, proprietary, and/or commercially sensitive information. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent or restrict Plaintiff from subsequently designating such material as 10 11 "CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY," provided that it meets the requirements for such designation as provided for herein. Defendant agrees that all information designated as 12 13 "CONFIDENTIAL" pursuant to this paragraph constitutes Protected Material and that Defendant 14 shall henceforth treat all such material as "CONFIDENTIAL" in accordance with Paragraph 8(c). 15 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, Discovery Material designated as (c) 'CONFIDENTIAL" may be disclosed only to the following: 16 17 The Receiving Party and the Receiving Party's in-house and Outside (i) Counsel, such counsel's immediate paralegals and staff, and any copying or clerical litigation 18 support services working at the direction of such counsel, paralegals, and staff; 19 20 (ii)Current employees of the Receiving Party with whom that Party's in-house or Outside Counsel need to consult for purposes of this litigation; 22 (iii) Any outside expert or consultant retained by the Receiving Party to 23 assist in this action, provided that disclosure is only to the extent necessary to perform such work; and provided that: (a) such expert or consultant has agreed to be bound by the provisions of the 24 25 Protective Order by signing a copy of Exhibit A; (b) such expert or consultant is not a current officer, director, or employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party, nor anticipated at the time of 26 27 retention to become an officer, director or employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party; (c) such expert or consultant accesses the materials in the United States only, and does not transport [PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER

1	them to or access them from any foreign jurisdiction; and (d) no unresolved objections to such		
2	disclosure exist after proper notice has been given to all Parties as set forth in Paragraph 10 below;		
3	(iv) Court reporters, stenographers and videographers retained to record		
4	testimony taken in this action;		
5	(v) The Court, jury, and court personnel;		
6	(vi) Graphics, translation, design, and/or trial consulting personnel,		
7	having first agreed to be bound by the provisions of the Protective Order by signing a copy of		
8	Exhibit A;		
9	(vii) Mock jurors who have signed an undertaking or agreement agreeing		
10	not to publicly disclose Protected Material and to keep any information concerning Protected		
11	1 Material confidential;		
12	(viii) Any mediator who is assigned to hear this matter, and his or her staff,		
13	subject to their agreement to maintain confidentiality to the same degree as required by this		
14	Protective Order; and		
15	(ix) Any other person with the prior written consent of the Producing		
16	Party.		
17	9. <u>DISCOVERY MATERIAL DESIGNATED AS "CONFIDENTIAL –</u>		
18	ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY"		
19	(a) A Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as		
20	"CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" if it contains or reflects information that is		
21	extremely confidential and/or sensitive in nature and the Producing Party reasonably believes that		
22	the disclosure of such Discovery Material is likely to cause economic harm or competitive		
23	disadvantage to the Producing Party.		
24	(b) Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, Discovery Material designated as		
25	"CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" may be disclosed only to:		
26	(i) The Receiving Party's Outside Counsel, provided that such Outside		
27	Counsel is not involved in competitive decision-making, as defined by U.S. Steel v. United States,		
28	730 F.2d 1465, 1468 n.3 (Fed. Cir. 1984), on behalf of a Party or a competitor of a Party, and such		
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1	Outside Counsel's immediate paralegals and staff, and any copying or clerical litigation support		
2	services working at the direction of such counsel, paralegals, and staff;		
3	(ii) In-house counsel of the Receiving Party, as well as their immediate		
4	paralegals and staff to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this case;		
5	(iii) Any outside expert or consultant retained by the Receiving Party to		
6	assist in this action, provided that disclosure is only to the extent necessary to perform such work;		
7	and provided that: (a) such expert or consultant has agreed to be bound by the provisions of the		
8	Protective Order by signing a copy of Exhibit A; (b) such expert or consultant is not a current		
9	officer, director, or employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party, nor anticipated at the time of		
10	retention to become an officer, director, or employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party;		
11	(c) such expert or consultant is not involved in competitive decision-making, as defined by U.S.		
12	Steel v. United States, 730 F.2d 1465, 1468 n.3 (Fed. Cir. 1984), on behalf of a Party or a		
13	competitor of a Party; (d) such expert or consultant accesses the materials in the United States only		
14	and does not transport them to or access them from any foreign jurisdiction; and (e) no unresolved		
15	objections to such disclosure exist after proper notice has been given to all Parties as set forth in		
16	Paragraph 10 below;		
17	(iv) Court reporters, stenographers and videographers retained to record		
18	testimony taken in this action;		
19	(v) The Court, jury, and court personnel;		
20	(vi) Graphics, translation, design, and/or trial consulting personnel,		
21	having first agreed to be bound by the provisions of the Protective Order by signing a copy of		
22	Exhibit A;		
23	(vii) Any mediator who is assigned to hear this matter, and his or her staff,		
24	subject to their agreement to maintain confidentiality to the same degree as required by this		
25	Protective Order; and		
26	(viii) Any other person with the prior written consent of the Producing		
27	Party		
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# 10. NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE

- (a) With the sole exception of consulting experts who are not expected to be called as witnesses at trial, prior to disclosing any Protected Material to any person described in Paragraphs 8(c)(iii) or 9(b)(iii) (referenced below as "Person"), the Party seeking to disclose such information shall provide the Producing Party with written notice that includes:
  - (i) the name of the Person;
  - (ii) an up-to-date curriculum vitae of the Person, containing a complete and accurate employment history; and
- (iii) the present employer and title of the Person

  Further, the Party seeking to disclose Protected Material shall provide such other information regarding the Person's professional activities reasonably requested by the Producing Party for it to evaluate whether good cause exists to object to the disclosure of Protected Material to the outside expert or consultant.
- (b) Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the disclosure of the Person, the Producing Party or Parties may object in writing to the Person for good cause. In the absence of an objection at the end of the fourteen (14) day period, the Person shall be deemed approved under this Protective Order. There shall be no disclosure of Protected Material to the Person prior to expiration of this fourteen (14) day period. If the Producing Party objects to disclosure to the Person within such fourteen (14) day period, the Parties shall meet and confer via telephone or in person within seven (7) days following the objection and attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute on an informal basis. If the dispute is not resolved, the Party objecting to the disclosure will have seven (7) days from the date of the meet and confer to seek relief from the Court. If relief is not sought from the Court within that time, the objection shall be deemed withdrawn. If relief is sought, designated materials shall not be disclosed to the Person in question until the Court resolves the objection.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "good cause" shall include an objectively reasonable concern that the Person will, advertently or inadvertently, use or disclose Discovery Material in a way or ways that are inconsistent with the provisions contained in this Order.

the burden of justifying the disputed designation;

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reasonable steps to retrieve the specified such Protected Material or Discovery Material if the requesting party disclosed it before being notified.

(c) Nothing herein shall prevent the Receiving Party from preparing a record for its own use containing the date, author, addresses, and topic of the inadvertently produced Discovery Material and such other information as is reasonably necessary to identify the Discovery Material and describe its nature to the Court in any motion to compel production of the Discovery Material.

## 15. INADVERTENT FAILURE TO DESIGNATE PROPERLY

- (a) The inadvertent failure by a Producing Party to designate Discovery Material as Protected Material with one of the designations provided for under this Order shall not waive any such designation provided that the Producing Party notifies all Receiving Parties that such Discovery Material is protected under one of the categories of this Order within fourteen (14) days of the Producing Party learning of the inadvertent failure to designate. The Producing Party shall reproduce the Protected Material with the correct confidentiality designation within seven (7) days upon its notification to the Receiving Parties. Upon receiving the Protected Material with the correct confidentiality designation, the Receiving Parties shall return or securely destroy, at the Producing Party's option, all Discovery Material that was not designated properly and promptly notify the Producing Party of the return and/or destruction within two (2) business days of receipt of notice.
- (b) A Receiving Party shall not be in breach of this Order for any use of such Discovery Material before the Receiving Party receives such notice that such Discovery Material is protected under one of the categories of this Order, unless an objectively reasonable person would have realized that the Discovery Material should have been appropriately designated with a confidentiality designation under this Order. Once a Receiving Party has received notification of the correct confidentiality designation for the Protected Material with the correct confidentiality designated level pursuant to the terms of this Order.

# 16. INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE NOT AUTHORIZED BY ORDER

- (a) In the event of a disclosure of any Discovery Material pursuant to this Order to any person or persons not authorized to receive such disclosure under this Protective Order, the Party responsible for having made such disclosure, and each Party with knowledge thereof, shall immediately notify counsel for the Producing Party whose Discovery Material has been disclosed and provide to such counsel all known relevant information concerning the nature and circumstances of the disclosure. The responsible disclosing Party shall also promptly take all reasonable measures to retrieve the improperly disclosed Discovery Material and to ensure that no further or greater unauthorized disclosure and/or use thereof is made
- (b) Unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure does not change the status of Discovery Material or waive the right to hold the disclosed document or information as Protected.

## 17. FINAL DISPOSITION

- (a) Not later than ninety (90) days after the Final Disposition of this case, each Party shall return all Discovery Material of a Producing Party to the respective outside counsel of the Producing Party or destroy such Material, at the option of the Producing Party. For purposes of this Order, "Final Disposition" occurs after an order, mandate, or dismissal finally terminating the above-captioned action with prejudice, including all appeals.
- (b) All Parties that have received any such Discovery Material shall certify in writing that all such materials have been returned to the respective outside counsel of the Producing Party or destroyed. Notwithstanding the provisions for return of Discovery Material, outside counsel may retain one set of pleadings, motion or other court papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product (but not document productions) for archival purposes. Any such archival copies remain subject to this Order.

# 18. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

(a) <u>Right to Further Relief</u>. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future. By stipulating to this Order, the Parties

of confidentiality is appropriate, whether disclosure should be restricted, and if so, what restrictions

Modification by Court. This Order is subject to further court order based

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(g) <u>Discovery R</u>	Rules Remain Unchanged. Nothing herein shall alter or change
any way the discovery provisions	of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules for the
United States District Court for Di	strict of Nevada, or the Court's own orders. Identification of an
individual pursuant to this Protecti	ive Order does not make that individual available for deposition
or any other form of discovery out	side of the restrictions and procedures of the Federal Rules of
Civil Procedure, the Local Rules for	or the United States District Court for District of Nevada, or the
Court's own orders.	
	Respectfully submitted,
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	<u>ORDER</u>
	IT IS SO ORDERED
	UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
	DATED:
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1 2	I,, acknowledge and declare that I have received a copy
3	of the Protective Order ("Order") in Tesla, Inc. v. Martin Tripp, United States District Court,
4	District of Nevada, Case No. 3:18-cv-00296-LRH-VPC. Having read and understood the terms of
5	the Order, I agree to be bound by the terms of the Order and consent to the jurisdiction of said
6	Court for the purpose of any proceeding to enforce the terms of the Order.
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